

Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee Amendment No. 1

Amendment No. 1 to SB3153

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By inserting the following preamble between the caption and the enacting clause:

WHEREAS, there has been rapid growth of wireless telecommunications services in Tennessee, and there is now widespread use by consumers of wireless telecommunications technology; and

WHEREAS, in response to a previous resolution by the General Assembly, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority submitted to the General Assembly in February 2002 a report that provides, among other things, information regarding the growth of wireless telecommunications, the investment by wireless companies in plant and equipment in Tennessee and approximation of the availability of wireless telecommunications coverage in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the report submitted by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority notes that there are still areas in Tennessee that do not have any wireless telecommunications coverage; and

WHEREAS, the lack of wireless telecommunications coverage in certain areas can lead to consumer dissatisfaction and may be an impediment to economic development; now, therefore;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting all language following the enacting clause, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority is directed to update and refine the information contained in its previous report, including without limitation, the map showing approximate coverage and other data in the report, new system

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development, deployment of new technology, obstacles to statewide wireless coverage, and information available to consumers as to the extent and limitations of coverage.

SECTION 2. The updated report of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority shall be a confidential record in addition to those records which are confidential as provided in §10-7-504, and shall not include any proprietary or competitively sensitive information. Such updated report shall be submitted to the director of homeland security. The director shall review the report to determine whether any information in the report would compromise homeland security and such information shall be redacted from the report. Following such redaction, the report shall become a public record and be made available to the public.

SECTION 3. Once such redactions have been completed, the report shall be submitted to the Senate Commerce Labor and Agriculture Committee and the House Commerce Committee no later than March 15, 2003.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.